Bible & Daily Living

God's salvation

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THE CROSS BEFORE HIM
Lesson for April 15, 1984
Bible Study Passage: Mark 14:22-36
INTRODUCTION

This week we begin the celebration of Holy Week. The events of Holy Week bring to mind God's redemptive plan of salvation through the sacrificial death and resurrection of his Son. Throughout the Christian world services will be held to celebrate the triumph of Christ over sin and death.

When Jesus "set his face to go to Jerusalem," he knew he would enter that city for the last time. The city for which he mourned and loved was to become the place of trial and execution.

The horrors of death are witnessed throughout our world every day. Terrorists think nothing of bombing and shooting innocent people. The United States and the Soviet Union each play their war games in preparation for the real thing. Humanity never learns its' lesson from the devastating wars of our past.

Holy Week challenges war and death with the Good News of Christ's victory over death. Humanity may destroy the world, but God will have the last say.

THE LAST SUPPER [Mark 14:22-26]

The night before he was betrayed, Jesus instituted a memorial supper as he and the disciples celebrated the Passover. He was not merely "scrapping" the Passover meal nor deny the old covenant. He was introducing the disciples to a new covenant to supercede the old.

The Passover was regularly held to commemorate the deliverance of the early Hebrews from the Egyptian bondage. Jesus came along and offered a new covenant and meal to symbolize deliverance from sin and death.

The Lord's supper is unfortunately tacked on to the end of the worship service, almost as an after thought. Observance of the Communion meal is an act of faith in Christ's atoning death and in his ultimate triumph over this world.

JESUS CAUTIONS HIS DISCIPLES [Mark 14:27-31]

After the supper Jesus spoke again of his impending crucifixion and death. He also spoke to them of his resurrection, but they were strangely deaf to his promise. Peter spoke out against the sayings of Jesus, arguing he would not deny Jesus. But Jesus cautioned that he would deny him three times; he would realize his denial when he heard the rooster crow two times. Peter reminds us that we do not always hold fast to our intentions and promises.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS [Mark 14:32-42]

Theological libraries contain massive volumes written on the subject of Christ's resurrection. Head knowledge of the resurrection is not useful until we have made Christ's redemptive work the center of our life.

Following the supper Jesus takes his disciples to the Gethseman garden to pray. It was here that Jesus struggled with his impending death. He knew he must drink the bitter dregs of surrering and death. In the closing hours of his life Jesus clung to his deep faith in his heavenly father. The disciples fell asleep from the exhausting activities.

After a time of intense prayer Jesus arose to go out to meet his death. Next week we will consider the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. Class members may ponder the following questions:

1. In what ways do we deny Christ in our daily life?
2. What meaning do you place upon the celebration of communion?
3. In what way is Christ offensive to the church in today's world?

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Easter service set

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Highway 24, Buckingham County, will have Easter service at 7 a.m. on April 22.

Breakfast will be served immediately following the worship service in the fellowship hall. The Rev. Robert J. Wilkerson is pastor. The public is invited to attend.

Church to hear Collins

Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church will honor Hallie P. Collins the late wife of James L. Collins of Appomattox on Sunday, April 15 at 11:30 a.m.

Mrs. Collins departed on April 17, 1980.

All relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Jim Collins said that Father Richard Kirch who will conduct the mass is "young enough to be his son, yet it is customary for him to address his priest as Father."

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WORSHIP

At Red Oak Baptist

Beale assumes pastorate

The Rev. David B. Beale has assumed the pastorate at Red Oak Baptist Church in Oakville.

The Rev. Beale attended Nelson County Schools and graduated from Fleetwood High School in 1954. After serving 4 years in the U.S. Navy he entered Lynchburg College, where he graduated in 1963. He graduated from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1967.

He has served as pastor of churches in North Carolina and in Coleman Falls, Gladstone and Wintergreen, VA. His most recent pastorate was Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Tappahannock, Va., where he was pastor for 15 years.

The Rev. Beale is married to the former Patricia Coffey of Amherst County, who is a registered public health nurse for the Lynchburg Health Department.

They are the parents of 3 children: Robin, who is married and is a registered nurse; David, who is serving in the U.S. Navy; and Timothy, a student at James Madison University.

A reception will be given in honor of the Rev. Beale and his family on Sunday, April 15 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Red Oak Church.

Friends and pastors from the area are invited to attend.

Rev. David B. Beale

Sunday services enjoyed by Mt. Shiloh congregation

Sunday morning worship services at Mt. Shiloh were enjoyed by all attending. Our pastor delivered an inspiring and challenging message.

The Young Adult Chorus will be celebrating its anniversary Sunday, April 15, at 3 p.m. Please come out and support our young people.

The Usher Board will have a meeting April 23 at 2 p.m.

The Willing Workers Club and the Men's Club will be holding their regular meetings Sunday, immediately after Sunday school.

The community was saddened to hear of the passing of Charles Fleshman of Appomattox. Our sympathy goes out to Mrs. Clara (Fleshman) McKay and family.

Funeral Services will be conducted Wednesday at the Promise land Baptist Church at 3 p.m.

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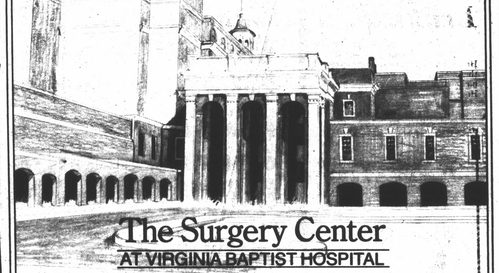

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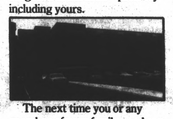

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SOCIAL

Pearson, Perkins to marry

Jackie C. Pearson

Mrs. Jackie C. Pearson of Buckingham announces the engagement of her daughter, Karen Lynn to David Thomas Perkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben T. Perkins of Dillwyn.

Miss Pearson is also the daughter of the late John L. Pearson.

The wedding has been set for June 2.

Dalton, McCormick wed

The marriage of Rebecca Gwyn Daulton to James Wilson McCormick took place the evening of March 24 at 7 o'clock in Gethsemane Baptist Church, with the Rev. Richard B. Baker, pastor of the church, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alton B. Daulton of Spout Spring. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd L. McCormick of Gladstone.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Mrs. Vickie Allen of Spout Spring was her sister's matron of honor and Floyd L. McCormick, Jr. of Gladstone was best man for his brother.

The bride and bridegroom both are seniors at Appomattox County High School.

The couple is still living in Appomattox.

Mark Wooten and Debra Fleshman

Fleshman, Wooten to wed

Mrs. Agnes Fleshman of Appomattox is proud to announce the engagement of her daughter, Debra Ann, to Mark J. Wooten. Debra is also the daughter of the late Woodrow W. Fleshman.

Mark is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy T. Wooten of Appomattox.

The wedding date has been set for May 26 at 4 p.m. on the lawn at the home of the groom's parents.

Although no invitations are being sent, all friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend. In the event of rain, the wedding will take place at Bible Baptist Church.

Tea honors Miss Hughes

Mrs. Jeanne Amos and Mrs. Marion Nash entertained at the Nash home on Sunday, March 31 at 3 p.m. with a tea honoring Miss Cheri Hughes, bride-elect, of Lynchburg.

Shades of pink and rose were used in the cloth on the refreshment table, flowers on the table and throughout the home in keeping with the colors Miss Hughes has chosen for her wedding.

Amoung those attending were Mrs. Ella Hughes, mother of the bride-elect; Mrs. Robert Burnley, mother of the groom-elect; Mrs. H.E. Hughes, grandmother of the bride-elect; Mrs. B.L. Burnley, grandmother of the groom-elect; Mrs. E.E. DeJarnette, great-grandmother of the bride-elect; friends and relatives of the couple.

The wedding of Miss Hughes to Mr. Gregory Scott Burnley will be an event of May 19 in the Fairview Christian Church in Lynchburg.

Marks, May to marry

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde E. Marks of Lynchburg announce the engagement of their daughter Karen Annette Marks, to Gregory Lynn May, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Cheatham, of Rt. 4, Appomattox and the late Mr. Rick May.

Miss Marks is a graduate of Brookville High School and attended CVCC. She is employed by Esteppe Oldsmobile-Datsun.

Mr. May was a graduate of Appomattox High School and is an employee of Appomattox Inc.

The wedding is planned for May 5 at 4:30 p.m. in Timberlake Christian Church.

Moore, Dunnam are wed

The marriage of Bettina L. Moore to Robert A. Dunnam III took place on Friday evening, March 16 at 6 p.m. at the home of Monte Mays.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Moore, Sr. and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Dunnam II, all of Appomattox.

Monte Mays officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Dunnam II entertained with a reception at their home on March 25.

McCraw, Williamson to marry

Ann E. McCraw and Henry Lee Williamson

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Lawrence McCraw announce the engagement of their daughter, Ann Elizabeth to Henry Lee Williamson, Jr., so of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lee Williamson of Spout Spring.

A July wedding is planned.

Bruhnsen birth noted

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bruhnsen of Red House proudly announce the birth of their son, Aaron Michael, who was born on March 23 at Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Aaron has a sister, Misty Raye, who is three.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harpson Fleshman of Red House and Marjorie Bruhnsen of St. Petersburg, Fla.

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